



# Memorandum

**TO:** Historic Landmarks Commission **FROM:** Courtney Damkroger

**SUBJECT:** Japantown Historic Context and Reconnaissance Level Survey **DATE:** July 22, 2004

In late 2003, the City of San Jose, the historic district committee of the Japantown Community Congress and Stephen Polcyn, Vice Chair of the Commission, selected Carey & Co. to conduct the Context and Survey project. (Please see the attached outline of the project scope and schedule.) The City of San Jose and its Historic Landmarks Commission were awarded a \$5,000 Certified Local Government grant in 2003 from the California Office of Historic Preservation to help support the costs of the Japantown Context and Survey project. The remainder of the project costs will be provided by \$5,000 from the local community and \$40,000 of City funds derived from settlement funds from unpermitted historic building demolitions.

The consultant team began its work in January and gave the Commission a brief overview of the project and their work to date at the May commission meeting. The project consists of an historic context statement for the area, approximately 75 California Department of Parks and Recreation, Primary Record (523A) forms and supporting maps and materials. In conformance with the CLG grant, the report will be completed by September 1, 2004.

Attached for your review and comment is the draft historic context and supporting material.

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Attachments: Project Scope and Schedule  
Historic Context  
Maps